



The Boaty Theatre Company

Young Theatre Makers

Stage School

Thank You For Considering Young Theatre Makers!

Unleash your creativity, build confidence, and find your voice with our engaging youth theatre classes. Designed for young people aged 7 to 19, our sessions provide a safe and inspiring space to explore the world of theatre. We offer young performers the opportunity to learn acting techniques, develop practical stagecraft skills, and engage in meaningful creative expression. Our classes are a welcoming environment where young people can grow their confidence, make lasting friendships, and contribute to vibrant theatrical productions throughout the year.



Why Join Our Youth Theatre Classes?

Our youth theatre classes are more than just acting lessons. We focus on:

- **Confidence Building:** We believe theatre is a powerful tool for young people to build self-esteem and find their unique voice. Through engaging exercises, games, and performance opportunities, young performers are encouraged to step out of their comfort zones, take creative risks, and develop the confidence to express their thoughts, feelings, and ideas both on and off the stage.
- **Teamwork:** Theatre is inherently collaborative, and our classes are designed to foster a sense of community and shared purpose. Young performers learn how to communicate effectively, listen to others, and work together to achieve a common goal. Through group exercises, ensemble work, and collaborative projects, they develop essential interpersonal skills such as empathy, leadership, and adaptability. By creating a supportive environment where everyone's contributions are valued, we ensure that each performer feels empowered to bring their best to the stage and beyond.
- **Creativity:** Our classes encourage young performers to think outside the box and embrace their imagination. Through performance, storytelling, and improvisation exercises, they learn to explore diverse perspectives, build compelling characters, and express themselves authentically. We foster a creative environment that empowers performers to take creative risks, experiment with ideas, and collaborate on original content, helping them discover their artistic voice while developing problem-solving and critical thinking skills.
- **Skills Development:** Our classes provide a comprehensive foundation in key theatrical skills. Young Performers will explore acting techniques such as voice projection, character development, and emotional expression. They will also learn practical stagecraft, including set design, costume creation, and lighting basics, giving them a well-rounded understanding of what it takes to put on a successful performance. Additionally, we introduce elements of scriptwriting, directing, and stage management, ensuring students experience every facet of theatre production.

Whether your child is an aspiring actor or simply looking to try something new, our youth theatre is a fantastic way to build life skills while having fun.

What to Expect in Our Classes

Each session includes a mix of:

- Warm-up games to get everyone moving and focused.
- Acting exercises to develop performance skills.
- Group activities that encourage teamwork.
- Rehearsals for shows and performances.

Our performers work towards a showcase at the end of each year, providing an opportunity to perform for friends and family. Additionally, we stage at least one full production per year, giving our young performers the chance to experience the excitement and professionalism of a complete theatrical performance.

Class Schedule

Our classes run weekly during term time.

- **Ages 7-11:** Mondays, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- **Ages 12-19:** Mondays, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: TBD

National Theatre Connections

Our 13-19 year old classes provide a unique opportunity to participate in the National Theatre Connections programme. Connections is a nationwide youth theatre festival run by the National Theatre that offers young performers the chance to work on new plays written by leading playwrights. Each year, groups from across the UK perform these plays in regional theatres, with selected groups invited to perform at the National Theatre in London.

Participation in Connections helps young performers develop their skills, connect with the wider theatre community, and experience the excitement of bringing a professionally written play to life. It's an invaluable opportunity to grow both on stage and off, with guidance from our experienced tutors.



Meet Our Tutors

Our experienced tutors are passionate about theatre and dedicated to supporting young people.



Laura J Harris: An accomplished actor, writer, and director who trained at Edge Hill University, ALRA, and YAFTA. Laura has directed numerous classic plays, including *Hamlet* at the Lowry in Salford. She has also directed several National Theatre Connections plays, such as *Look Up* by Andrew Muir and *Innocent Creatures* by Leo Butler, both of which were chosen by the National Theatre to be performed as part of their prestigious festival in London. In addition to her directing work, Laura has a background as a freelance theatre technician and has worked professionally in the field, bringing a wealth of technical and practical knowledge to our youth theatre.

Charlotte Pedley: Charlotte holds a degree in Acting & Theatre Arts from the University of Staffordshire. As an original member of The Boaty, she has been involved in many of our productions as a youth and adult since its founding in 2012. Charlotte brings a deep understanding of our company's ethos and history, along with her acting expertise and passion for youth theatre.

Fees and Enrolment

We aim to make our classes accessible to all.

- **Term Fee:** £84 (12 Weeks) £250 (Annual)
- **Sibling Discount:** 10% off for additional siblings.
- **One-to-One Class Fee:** £25 per hour.
- **Subsidised places available:** We strive to ensure all young people can participate, regardless of financial circumstances.
- **Payment Plans Available:** Please get in touch with us to discuss flexible payment options

Additional Benefits

- Enjoy a 10% discount on individual classes and summer schools when enrolled in our term-time classes.



Testimonials

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“An example of best practice in youth theatre.” – Kirsten Adams, National Theatre

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“My child has grown so much in confidence since joining the Boaty. It’s been a wonderful experience for them.” – Parent

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“The classes are so much fun! I’ve made new friends and love performing on stage.”
– Participant

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